

# **DOCTOR WHO RADIO TIMES TIME AND THE RANI**

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# NEW AUTUMN SEASON ON BBC TV

## AUTUMN ALMANAC

Make regular dates in your diary for **The Marksman**, a contemporary tale of crime and vengeance set in Liverpool and starring David Threlfall, Michael Angelis and Leslie Ash. Sunday evenings herald the biggest ever BBC1 classic serial – Thackeray's classic novel **Vanity Fair**, which follows the contrasting fortunes of two 19th-century social climbers, Becky and Amelia, yuppies of their day, as they travel life's rocky path without the aid of a Filofax.

## ROMANCE, YACHTS...

... fashion, money – yes, **Howards' Way** is back, while Bob Monkhouse pushes out the boat to launch a new series of **Bob's Full House**. Tim Brooke-Taylor and Diane Keen provide authoritative comedy in **You Must Be the Husband**, an everyday story of a housewife who becomes a best-selling novelist overnight.

## THINKING THINGS OUT

What would Aristotle, Marx and Heidegger make of television? **The Great Philosophers** offers an insight into the ideas, personalities and motivations of some of the most influential western thinkers.

## HOW THE WEST IS RUN

'A cowboy has a romantic life at times, but mostly it's a lot of work.' So says an inhabitant of Big Piney, Wyoming, a town whose way of life has changed little since its founders blazed the Oregon Trail in the last century. **Do You Mean There Are Still Real Cowboys?** looks at the lifestyle of the latter-day riders of the range and finds that success in the modern West is largely dependent upon market forces, hard labour, banks... and freemasonry.

## EMPIRE DAYS

Sunday Premiere heads a season of drama with **The Happy Valley**,

starring Denholm Elliott and Holly Aird, the true story of Juanita Carberry's remarkable upbringing in colonial Kenya.

## CROWNING GLORY

There's a behind-the-scenes look at the preparations for the **Grand Knockout Tournament**, featuring Margaret Thatcher, Prince Rainier and an interview with Prince Edward.

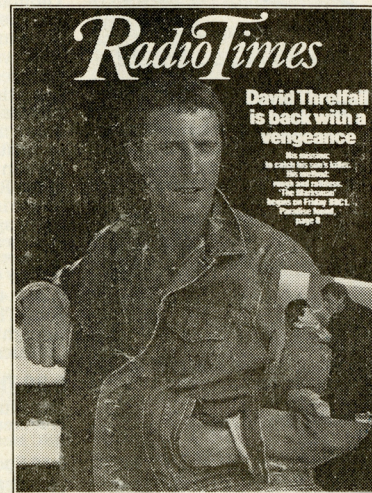
## FRONT LINE

A feast of entertainers can be found Upfront in **RADIO TIMES**, from Noel Edmonds to the familiar and some not-so-familiar faces from **Howards' Way**.

Cover star David Threlfall draws a bead on his role in **The Marksman**, explaining that 'good acting is like playing good jazz'. Eve Matheson sets her sights on giving a vivid portrayal of Becky Sharp in **Vanity Fair** – conceited, arrogant and ambitious. And

**Doctor Who** Sylvester McCoy faces some new adversaries – meet them in Back Pages.

Plus a chance to win an Audi *and* raise money for Cancer Relief in a great autumn competition.



# Who's who in the Doctor's worlds

Doctor Who

Monday 7.35 BBC1

Doctor Who is back – this time looking a lot like actor Sylvester McCoy – with Bonnie Langford as the Doctor's assistant and Kate O'Mara playing the evil Rani. See page 3 and page 87.

*Fans can now make a selection from over 250 colour and black-and-white photographs covering the adventures of the Doctor from the earliest days. For a full list, send an sae to Doctor Who Photograph Offer, BBC Enterprises, 80 Wood Lane, London W12 0TT.*

*A book detailing all the worlds and creatures the Doctor has encountered is due out in the next couple of weeks. Look out for 'Doctor Who: The Time-Travellers' Guide' by Peter Haining (W.H. Allen, £14.95).*

*The Doctor Who Appreciation Society provides a monthly newsletter and the chance to meet fellow devotees. Send an sae to the Doctor Who Appreciation Society, 12 Steerforth Street, Earlsfield, London SW18 4HH.*



# Who's taken to the cleaners!

JUST WHEN Melanie (Bonnie Langford) thought it was safe to dip her toes into the swimming pool, she got a nasty shock... from a robot crab! It's just one of the many monsters – mechanical, humanoid and just indescribable – that rear their unpleasant heads in the new series of **Doctor Who** (Monday BBC1).

The creepy crabs are supposed to keep the pool clean, but they suddenly become human seeking – and Melanie is the nearest human!

But you'll have to wait a few weeks before they and other metal menaces like, of all things, robot cleaners, threaten the Doctor (now played by Sylvester McCoy – see Upfront, page 3) and Melanie when they arrive at Paradise Towers.

All the baddies are new for this series – not a Dalek in sight! – and the only returning arch-enemy is the Rani (Kate O'Mara), the renegade Time Lady who is as evil as the Doctor is good.

New monsters to watch out for in the weeks ahead include the fearful Bannermen, alien humanoids with red eyes and mouths, led by actor Don Henderson, and the Bio-mechanoid, an enormous, very bony, flat-headed thing that inhabits the Iceworld.

Other features of the series include new versions of the theme tune and opening titles, and appearances by stars like Ken Dodd and Richard Briers, who plays his first TV baddy.

In this week's opening episode, there's the first glimpse of the latest generation of monsters – the Tetraps, bat-like people from the planet Lakertya, who team up with the Rani.

All you will see of them is a strange-looking hand – very similar to the one that's creeping into the bottom of this page. Aaagh!!!



Dirty deeds! The Doctor helps Melanie fight off a crabby cleaner, but there are more monsters to face



# NEW SERIES

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starring Sylvester McCoy  
with Bonnie Langford  
in *Time and the Rani*

The first of a four-part  
adventure by

PIP AND JANE BAKER

Excerpts from the TARDIS  
dictionary disc:

**Regenerate** (verb): to assume  
a new physical form (of Time  
Lords, etc.)

**Rani** (noun): a deadly  
adversary of the Doctor.

**Lakertya** (noun): a planet  
inhabited by serpentine  
humanoids, until recently  
utterly peaceful ...

Melanie.....BONNIE LANGFORD

The Doctor .SYLVESTER MCCOY

Ikona .....MARK GREENSTREET

Rani.....KATE O'MARA

Urak .....RICHARD GAUNTLETT

Sarn .....KAREN CLEGG

Beyus .....DONALD PICKERING

Theme music composed by

RON GRAINER

Theme arrangement and incidental  
music KEFF MCCULLOCH

Costume designer KEN TREW

Script editor ANDREW CARTMEL

Designer GEOFF POWELL

Producer JOHN NATHAN-TURNER

Director ANDREW MORGAN

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*The TARDIS materialises with a new Doctor at the helm! Sylvester McCoy is the seventh in line of intrepid Time Lords, who tonight comes face to face with the Rani (Kate O'Mara)*  
**BBC1, 7.35pm Doctor Who**



*RadioTimes*

# UPFRONT

THIS WEEK





# 7.35 Doctor Who

starring

**Sylvester McCoy**

with **Bonnie Langford**

in *Time and the Rani*

The second of a four-part  
adventure by

PIP AND JANE BAKER

Excerpts from the TARDIS  
dictionary disc.

**Doctor** (noun):

a traveller in time and space

**Amnesiac** (adjective):

in a state of loss of memory

**Catspaw** (noun):

person being manipulated  
by another for  
unknown reasons

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Incidental music KEFF MCCULLOCH

Make-up designer LESLIE RAWSTORNE

Script editor ANDREW CARTMEL

Designer GEOFF POWELL

Producer JOHN NATHAN-TURNER

Director ANDREW MORGAN

*Videos: The Seeds of Death,*

BBCV 4072,

*Pyramids of Mars, BBCV 4055 and*

*Death to the Daleks, BBCV 4073*

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dictionary disc.

**Plasma** (noun):

substance found in human  
blood

**Tetrap** (noun):

savage extraterrestrial with  
strange dietary habits

**Eyrie** (noun):

dwelling place for large  
winged creatures, with one  
entrance and no exit.

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Faroon.....WANDA VENTHAM

Melanie .....BONNIE LANGFORD

Urak .....RICHARD GAUNTLETT

Ikona .....MARK GREENSTREET

Lanisha .....JOHN SEGAL

Special voices

PETER TUDDENHAM, JACKI WEBB

Incidental music KEFF MCCULLOCH

Visual effects designer

COLIN MAPSON

Script editor ANDREW CARTMEL

Designer GEOFF POWELL

Producer JOHN NATHAN-TURNER

Director ANDREW MORGAN

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**7.35-8.00**

# **Doctor Who**

starring **Sylvester McCoy**  
with **Bonnie Langford**  
in *Time and the Rani*

The last of a four-part story  
by **PIP AND JANE BAKER**

**Catalyst** (noun): vital  
substance which allows a  
chain of events to proceed

**Countdown** (noun):  
announcement of the last  
remaining seconds before  
something takes place

**Armageddon** (noun):  
the end of the world

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Lighting **HENRY BARBER**

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# Doctor's bad timing

Dear Agent M,

Further to my plan to eliminate *Doctor Who* (Mondays BBC1), here are your new instructions. But before I proceed, let me congratulate you on the success of the initial stages – taking the programme off for long periods, switching the schedules around, etc.

Now, to business...first, change the music; the viewers always hate that. Second, put it on at a ridiculous time, preferably so that it clashes with a top-rated ITV show. How about 7.30 on a Monday so that it is up against *Coronation Street*? No, wait a sec. Make it five minutes later so that the mums are already tuned in when it starts...

Should this fail to reach you in time, do the best you can; though doubtless your

mere human brain cannot hope to emulate the dastardliness of my infallible scheme. You will be suitably rewarded with countless sitcoms and game-shows...

Yours sincerely  
The Master  
*Kevin R. Boggart*

Taunton, Somerset